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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF THREE CGRS WORKERS IN THE SOUTH

REF: A) BANGKOK 5931; B) STATE 064395

1. REF (A) REPORTED DETENTION OF THREE PERSONS WORKING FOR THE COORDINATING GROUP FOR RELIGION IN SOCIETY (CGRS) IN SURAT THANI ON SUSPICION OF COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN LATE FEBRUARY. THE THREE HAVE SINCE BEEN RELEASED FOR LACK OF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE.

2. THE CGRS WORKERS HAD BEEN INVESTIGATING THE ARREST OF SEVERAL VILLAGERS ON CHARGES OF BEING "DETRIMENTAL TO SOCIETY" -- A REFERENCE TO ONE OF THE PROVISIONS OF NARC ORDER 22. IN THE COURSE OF THEIR INVESTIGATION, THE WORKERS ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT MEMBERS OF COMMUNIST INSURGENT GROUPS IN SURAT. LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE INTERPRETED THEIR EFFORTS AS AN ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH LINKS WITH, OR EVEN TO JOIN, THE INSURGENTS. TWO OF THE CGRS WORKERS WERE FORMER CHUALONGKORN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, AND SECURITY OFFICIALS IN THE SENSITIVE INSURGENT AREAS HAVE BEEN WARY OF STUDENT ACTIVITIES IN RURAL DISTRICTS SINCE OCT 1976,
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WHEN AS MANY AS ONE THOUSAND STUDENTS AND ACTIVISTS FLED URBAN CENTERS TO JOIN CT FORCES IN THE JUNGLE.
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